

Workers:

Stand With Iran and Palestine!

13 JUNE—Israel's strikes on Iran open a new front in the Zionist state's genocidal frenzy. This new offensive aims to draw the U.S. into the conflict and knock Iran out as a regional counterweight. If successful, Israel will have a free hand to further the extermination of the Palestinians and terrorize the entire region. *Workers all around the world: Mobilize against Israel and the U.S.! Defend Iran! Defend Palestine!*

This is essential not only for the sake of people in the Near East, who face the threat of carnage on an unprecedented level, but to *advance the economic and social conditions of workers everywhere*. If Israel and the U.S. are allowed to further escalate the conflict, the barbarity, bloodshed and worsening economic conditions will spread throughout the world.

If workers in the West and in Israel do not mobilize now against the criminal actions of their governments, *they will be mobilized* by their governments to commit crimes on an ever-growing scale. If workers of the Global South tolerate their governments' conciliation of the U.S. and Israel, *they will be the next victims of the imperialists and their agents*.

Nothing good will come from the liberal institutions, whether the UN, the EU or the ICC. They have all shown themselves to be either *complicit* in Israel's crimes or *utterly impotent*. Only workers and the oppressed peoples of the world can put a stop to the ever-growing spiral of barbarity. *Demonstrate! Strike! Stop U.S. and Israeli arms shipments!* Do not let the U.S. and Israel get away with it once again! ■



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Zionist Carnage Spreads

Why Can't Anyone Stop Netanyahu?

4 OCTOBER—In the year since October 7, the infernal Zionist machine has massacred tens of thousands of Palestinians. Now through continued escalation it threatens a major regional war. In April, Israel bombed the Iranian embassy in Syria, in July it assassinated Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tiberias, and since then it has engaged in an offensive against Hezbollah, exploding thousands of papers, killing its leaders—including Hassan Nasrallah—and maiming southern Lebanon. In response to Israel's crimes, millions have demonstrated, the International Criminal Court (ICC) has opened an investigation and Iran and Hezbollah have shot missiles at Israel. However, nothing seems to deter Israel's escalation.

Part of the explanation is that Netanyahu's government of bribery and fascism is clear on its objective: the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from the river to the sea. The obstacle it confronts is that over the past decades Iran has gradually eroded Israel's military dominance in the region. Not only has Iran developed advanced weaponry, including the technology for nuclear weapons, but a range of discontented U.S. war in the region of powerful militaries. These developments threaten to Israel's Zionist project.

But what does a historic opportunity to deal a blow to Israel's population have been marshaled since October 7, to international reputation, and the U.S. promises unconditional support. Netanyahu thinks that by continuously escalating the conflict, he can either secure a major capitulation or drag the U.S. into a direct war with Iran. In either case, he hopes to ensure unoppressed Palestinian land and the long-term survival of the Jewish state.

What remains? "Why can't anyone stop Netanyahu?" the answer is obvious. The U.S. may wish Iran to be destroyed, but this is entirely contingent on Israel's willingness to resist what, in essence, the lack of political determination to defend Israel would require. As for the governments of Britain, Germany, France, Japan and other advanced nations, they are equally committed to upholding the U.S. world order even if it leads to the devastation of their own economies. They are not about to put up a fuss.

But what about the forces opposing Israel, such as Iran? Or the millions who have demonstrated against the genocide in Gaza? Why haven't they been able to stop the bloody spiral in West Asia? Here we must not only look at the balance of military force but also examine the political outlook of the various oppositions to Netanyahu. As we shall see, the real reason his government hasn't been stopped is that its opponents lack a bold and coherent program to defeat Zionism and throw off imperialist domination of the region.

The Ayatollah's Choice: Capitulation or Jihad?

First, we must look at the Axis of Resistance led by Iran, which includes Hezbollah and the Houthis in Yemen. Unlike most other Muslim regimes that condemn Israel in speeches while remaining aligned with the U.S. in practice, the Iranian regime and its allies have directly confronted Israel, including




Top: Netanyahu at UN General Assembly, 27 September. Bottom: Israeli bombing of Dahieh neighborhood in southern Beirut, Lebanon, 2 October.



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